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AMERICAN CONSULATE,  
Tripoli, Libya, North Africa, October 31, 1914.

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SUBJECT: Aviation in Italian North Africa.

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I/- I have the honor to transmit, herewith, in triplicate, translation of a decree prohibiting ariel navigation in this consular district.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. Rodenbeck Doring*  
American Consul.

Enclosure:

As indicated.

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TRANSLATION.

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ROYAL DECREE FORBIDDING ARIEL NAVIGATION IN THE ITALIAN  
COLONY OF LIBYA, NORTH AFRICA.

American Consul,

Tripoli, Libya,

*M. Rodrick Dorey*

October 29, 1914.

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Number 1008 of the official collection of laws and decrees of the Kingdom contains the following decree:

VICTOR EMANUEL III

by grace of God and by the will of the Nation

King of Italy.

Heard the Council of Ministers;

On the proposal of our Ministers, Secretaries of State for War and Marine, together with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, of the Colonies, of the Interior and of Finance;

We have decreed and we decree:-

ARTICLE I.

It is prohibited for every kind of apparatus or means of ariel navigation, such as dirigibles, aeroplanes, hydroplanes, spherical balloons, kites, dracken balloons, etc, to fly over or ascend on any part of the territory of the State of the Colonies and of the territorial waters, saving always the exceptions established by the military authorities, and other aeronauts that may be authorized by the Minister of War or of Marine to make separate flights at specified times.

No authorization can be granted to a person of foreign nationality.

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## ARTICLE II.

Within the State and on the territorial waters, vigilance for detecting infractions is entrusted to the military and marine authorities, to the royal customs guards, to the police, and to all political and municipal authorities. Appropriate directions and instructions will be issued by the respective ministers.

The guarding of the colonies and their waters is entrusted to the military and marine authorities, and to other authorities designated by the Governors.

## ARTICLE III.

Any apparatus or device for ariel locomotion not authorized as provided, that, under any circumstances or from any motive, flies over prohibited territory, must immediately descend. Should it continue its flight, any official or military, or agent of the public police designated by the regulations emanating from the appropriate Ministers, can legally make timely signals, and if not heeded, the apparatus may be fired upon and all other means employed necessary to compel obedience.

## ARTICLE IV.

Military and private apparatus authorized to fly must carry appropriate distinguishing marks visible at a distance, and to be established by special regulations.

## ARTICLE V.

The signals to be made to apparatus not bearing the required marks may consist either in waving a cloth, white or any other color easily seen, or in flashes of fire, or in discharging rockets.

Such signals are to be repeated three times at well

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marked intervals.

ARTICLE VI.

The present decree will be presented to Parliament to be converted into law.

We order that the present decree, bearing the seal of the State, be inserted in the official collection of laws and decrees of the Kingdom of Italy, bringing it to the attention of all whose duty it is to observe it or to enforce it.

Given at Rome, September 3, 1914.

(sd) Vittorio Emanuele.

(sd) Salandra-Grandi-Viale-di San Giuliano-  
Martini-Rava.

(Published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno d'Italia-  
September 22, 1914).

December 9, 1914.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of a despatch received from the American Consul at Tripoli enclosing a translation of a Royal Decree issued by the Italian Government forbidding aerial navigation in the Italian Colony of Libya, North Africa.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

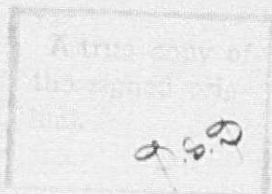
Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

ROBERT LANSING  
Counselor.

Enclosure.

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